(ix) Co-operative Societies and Land Mortgage Banks.

760. There were 5,883 co-operative societies with 7,06,498 members and Rs. 2,21,77,204 as share and working capital of Rs. 10,32,37,825 respectively during the year as against 5,575 co-operatives, 6,56,149 members and 1,86,67,255 and Rs. 9,27,50,564 as share and working capital respectively during the previous year.

761. The Indian Co-operative Societies Act 1904 was passed for facilitating the introduction and promotion of co-operative credit societies.

...ore State Co-operative Apex Bank, Ltd., Bangalore.

762. After the passage of the amendment of Section 17 of the Reserve Bank of India Act which made it possible to the Reserve Bank of India to advance loans to 'B' States also, steps were taken to strengthen the share capital structure of the Mysore State Co-operative Apex Bank, Ltd., to qualify itself to draw loans and to organise District Co-operative Central Banks to serve as intermediate supervising agency in the scheme of dispensation of short term credit.

763. Government have contributed Rupees five lakhs towards the share capital of this Bank in order to strengthen the share capital structure of the Bank.

764. Further, the Apex Bank was advised by the Reserve Bank of India to stop issue of long term loans and confine its activities to short term credit.

765. On the guarantee furnished by the Government of Mysore, the Reserve Bank of India have so far sanctioned Rs. 19 lakhs and Government have directed that the operation of the short-term credit scheme during the year be extended to the entire State. Besides, Government have placed at the disposal of the Apex Bank, a sum of Rupees five lakhs for financing the Taluk Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies for the purchase of ammonium sulphate from the Factory at Sindri at four per cent interest.

766. The Apex Bank had 185 individuals and 2,175 Co-operative Societies as its members and a paid up share capital of Rs. 19,37,085. The deposits held by it at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 41,76,566. It issued loans to Co-operative Societies to the extent of Rs. 1,16,73,400

and individuals to the extent of Rs. 1,22,139. The Bank earned a net profit of Rs. 44,764.

District Co-operative Central Banks.

767. The District Co-operative Central Bank is an important link between the State Co-operative Bank and the Reserve Bank of India on the one hand and the primary Co-operative Society and the borrower on the other.

768. The District Co-operative Central Banks have been started in all the districts during the year besides the already existing one at Hospet for the District of Bellary. All these Banks have become members of the Apex Bank.

769. These Banks enrolled 111 individuals and 1,153 Co-operative Societies as members as on 30th June 1955, collected Rs. 6,29,636 towards share capital and attracted Rs. 1,54,313 towards deposits. The total working capital of these Banks amounted to Rs. 21,35,279.

770. Eight hundred and sixty-eight Primary Co-operative Societies were selected to be entrusted with the issue of short term loans to agriculturists in the State, selection being made according to the audit classification prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India.

771. Two hundred and five Primary Co-operative Societies entertained from 9,009 individual members loan applications for the grant of Rs. 22,52,080 short term loans by the end of June 1955. The first committees of management of these District Co-operative Central Banks were nominated by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in accordance with their bye-laws. The respective Deputy Commissioners have been permitted by Government to be the Presidents of these committees.

The Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd.

772. The year 1953-54 was the Silver Jubilee Year of the Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank Ltd., Bangalore. This Bank has done meritorious services during these 26 years since its inception in 1929. The number of Land Mortgage Co-operative Societies continued to be 83 as on 30th June 1955.

773. The Land Mortgage Bank disbursed long term loans amounting to Rs. 17,34,940 in 749 cases during the year as against Rs. 16,50,525 in the previous year.

774. The Land Mortgage Bank floated XIV series debentures for Rs. 30 lakhs at four and a half per cent

interest as advised by the Reserve Bank of India during the year and collected the entire amounts. The value of debentures in circulation at the end of the year was Rs. 1,43,89,900.

The Mysore Central Rural Industrial Financing Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Bangalore.

775. The Mysore Central Rural Industrial Financing Co-operative Bank, Ltd., was started in October 1952 with an authorised share capital of Rs. 20 lakhs made up of 20,000 "A" class shares of Rs. 50 each open to individuals and 10,000 "B" class shares of Rs. 100 each open to Co-operative Societies only.

776. The Rural Industrialisation Scheme has been extended to the entire State and 400 Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies were organised during the year.

The Mysore State Cotton Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society, Ltd., Bangalore.

777. Government sanctioned the formation of this Society in October 1950 on the pattern obtaining in Madras State and placed at the disposal of this Society a cash credit accommodation of Rs. 3,50,000 free of interest.

778. There were 212 members on the rolls of this Co-operative Society with a paid up share capital of Rs. 35,028 and the total working capital of Rs. 5,50,980.

779. Consequent on the grant of finance by the Government of India out of Mill Cess Fund, the number of production Centres increased during the year.

780. The total stock held by the Co-operative Society at the end of the year exceeded Rs. 1,51,698 for want of sales. A rebate of one and half annas in the rupee out of the Central Mill Cess Fund is allowed on all sales. Government of India have earmarked a sum of Rs.2 lakhs towards the share of the mill cess fund for the year 1954-55.

The Mysore Provincial Co-operative House Building Corporation, Ltd., Bangalore.

781. With the main object of concerting measures for the house building activities on co-operative lines, the Mysore Provincial Co-operative House Building Corporation was started on the lines suggested by the Seminar on Co-operation.

782. There were 358 members as on 30th June 1955 with a paid up share capital of Rs. 98,615 and total working capital of Rs. 12,11,378. Borrowings from Government amounted to Rs. 9,71,566, since the inception of this institution. The Corporation issued loans amounting to Rs. 4,62,533 and recovered Rs. 1,09,739 during the year.

The loans outstanding at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 9,32,983 as against Rs. 5,80,189 in the previous year.

Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies.

783. The number of Co-operative Societies rose from 2,788 to 2,874 at the end of the year. The paidup share capital amounted to Rs. 21,99,448. The total working capital too showed an increase from Rs. 68,59,405 to Rs. 84,11,295. The total loans issued by them during the year amounted to Rs. 10,58,292 as against Rs. 24,60,972 in the previous year. The amount of deposits held by the agricultural credit societies at the end of the year was Rs. 8,66,586 (Rs. 11,68,841).

Non-agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies.

784. There were 657 societies of this category at the end of June 1955. The deposits held by them increased from Rs. 1·38 lakhs to Rs. 1,52,75,745 at the end of the year. They issued loans to the extent of Rs. 76,39,221 (Rs. 1,34,10,016). The share capital of these Co-operative Societies amounted to Rs. 70,83,405. These institutions were able to find the bulk of the funds they required largely from their own resources.

Marketing

785. The development of Co-operative Marketing Societies with a view to eliminate the middlemen and link up crop finance with marketing of agricultural produce was taken up during the year.

786. The Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., continues to serve as the apex of all primary marketing Co-operative Societies. Primary Consumers' Co-operative Societies and Primary Credit Co-operative Societies have opened stores sections. This Society continued to serve mainly as a link between the producers and consumers societies.

787. The State Marketing Co-operative Society had 187 individuals and 891 co-operative societies as its members. It had a paid up share capital of Rs. 40,022 and working capital of Rs. 1,76,306 respectively.

Co-operative production.

788. The Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies in the State assisting the agricultural production by distributing agricultural articles such as implements, seeds, manures and chemical fertilisers continued to do so during the year. Ammonium sulphate was distributed by these societies during the year.

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789. These 823 Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies along with 27 Co-operative Farming Societies, 173 Weavers' Co-operative Societies and 400 Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies have played an affective role in the Grow More Food Campaign, reclamation of waste lands and in the production and distribution of other necessaries of life.

Co-operative Distribution.

790. Co-operatives continued to take active part in the distribution of all commodities thereby exercising a salutary influence on private wholesale and retail trade. The 569 Consumers Co-operative Societies, 823 Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies, 85 Marketing Co-operative Societies, 173 Weavers Co-operatve Societies, 24 Students Co-operative Societies, 197 Employees Co-operative Societies and 28 Milk Supply Co-operative Societies, etc., had attended to the distribution of various articles of necessaries of life.

Five-Year Plan and Co-operation.

791. The following four schemes relating to the Department of Co-operation were included in the Five-Year Plan, costing Rs. 7·12 lakhs :—

(1) The expansion of the activities of the Department including the organisation of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies.

(2) Development of Co-operative Farming Societies.

(3) Development of Cotton Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies, and

(4) the organisation of Provincial Co-operative Societies for Telis and Oil Seeds Growers.

Community Project.

792. There are 176 Co-operative Societies of all types inclusive Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies in the area of Sorab, Shiralkoppa and Shikarpur Taluks with a total membership of 4,589 paid up share capital of Rs. 1,52,637 and a total working capital of Rs. 6,95,187.

National Extension Service Blocks.

793. Sixteen National Extension Service Blocks have been allotted to the Mysore State. The basic idea of these blocks is more or less similar to Community Project.

794. Arrangements have been made to issue short term loans to agriculturists through Co-operative Societies in these Blocks. One lakh of rupees per Block per year have been earmarked for this purpose. Separate set of rules governing the issue of these loans are prescribed by Government. These loans are to be issued through District

Co-operative Central Banks if there are any, or directly from the Apex Bank to the Primary Co-operative Societies selected for the purpose.

795. At the beginning of the year the Committees of 15 co-operative societies were under supersession. The Committees of Management of 20 co-operative societies were superseded bringing the total of superseded societies to 35. Supersession.

796. At the beginning of the year, 277 co-operative societies were under liquidation, of which 11 belonged to Bellary District. Twenty-six societies were brought under liquidation and the number of societies under liquidation, therefore, rose to 303. Of these, the affairs of co-operative societies were finally closed, leaving a balance of 296 under liquidation at the end of the year. The total assets of all the liquidated co-operative societies amounted to Rs. 5·62 lakhs and the total liabilities to be paid amounted to Rs. 7·22 lakhs. Liquidation.

797. There were 115 House Building Co-operative Societies at the end of the year. The working capital of these Societies amounted to Rs. 58,97,339 the total turnover being Rs. 73,63,793. House Building Co-operative Societies.

798. The House Building Corporation has so far constructed 414 houses. These Societies have issued loans for the construction of 607 houses.

799. Government sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 2,63,500 to the House Building Societies in Mysore State during the year.